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Governor Jan Brewer Announces Appointment of Superior Court Judges in Maricopa County

Phoenix – Arizona Governor Jan Brewer today announced the appointments of James P. Beene and M. Scott McCoy to the Maricopa County Superior Court.

James Beene currently serves as the Appeals and Extraditions Bureau Chief for the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. He has spent his career in public practice, including service as an Assistant Attorney General and Deputy County Attorney with the Maricopa and Pinal County Attorneys' Offices.

"Jim's extensive trial and appellate court experience at all levels coupled with his expertise in criminal law will be a tremendous asset to the Maricopa County Superior Court," stated Governor Brewer. Mr. Beene received his undergraduate degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara and his law degree from the University of Arizona College of Law. This appointment was made to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Anna Baca.

M. Scott McCoy currently serves as a Court Commissioner for the Maricopa County Superior Court. As a commissioner he has handled civil, criminal, family and probate calendars. He spent several years in private practice with the law firms Beus, Gilbert & Morrill, Kirkland & Ellis, and Jennings, Strouss & Salmon.

"Commissioner McCoy has a breadth of legal experience and expertise that will serve the citizens of Maricopa County well as a superior court judge," stated Governor Brewer. Commissioner McCoy received his undergraduate degree from the University of Southern California and his law degree from the University of Arizona College of Law. This appointment was made to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Louis Araneta.

"I am proud to appoint these two very talented individuals to serve as our newest judges," said Governor Brewer. "Their experience and dedication will be a tremendous addition to the Maricopa County Superior Court."

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